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None of the vessels now available, including the 'Lady Nicholson,' is suitable for this work; hence the necessity for a new launch specially designed for the purpose named.

(*e*) There is an European officer on Rs. 600—40—1,000 employed as Assistant Director (Marine). His principal duty is to carry on chank fishery operations with the vessels referred to above, to inspect and control the pearl and chank beds, to maintain the departmental vessels and to organise and to supervise the important fishing experiments mentioned in clause (*d*) above.

(*f*) The reply to the first part of the question is in the affirmative. But for the purpose of carrying on inspection of pearl and chank beds, for the supervision and organization of the new fishing experiments with sea-going craft, and for the efficient management and upkeep of the departmental vessels a marine officer with nautical experience is necessary and Mr. Allan, the present Assistant Director (Marine), possesses these qualifications.

*Minimum attendance for technical examinations.*

1363 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the Hon'ble the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether, and, if so, what proposals have been received from the Principal of the College of Commerce regarding a minimum attendance for students who wish to appear for technical examinations; and

(*b*) whether the Legislative Council and the public will be given an opportunity to offer their remarks on the said proposals before the Government pass orders thereon?

*A.*—No such proposals have been received by the Government.

*Crimes reported in police stations of Anantapur district.*

1364 *Q.*—Mr. P. Siva Rao: Will the Hon'ble the Home Member be pleased to furnish a comparative statement of the crimes reported in the police stations of Mudigubba and Kodavandlapalli in the Kadiri taluk and in the neighbouring stations of Patnam, Bukkapatnam and Tadmeri in the district of Anantapur for the last six (6) years, with particulars of which of them were detected and charged and which of them ended in conviction?

*A.*—The Government are not in possession of the information desired.

## II

## ACT ASSENTED TO BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

The Hon'ble the President:—"I have to inform the House that the Madras Revenue Recovery (Temporary) Amendment Act, 1922, has received the assent of His Excellency the Governor on the 5th March 1922."

## III

## AMENDMENT TO THE STANDING ORDERS.

Mr. C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar:—"Mr. President, with regard to the notice which was given by Mr. Natesa Mudaliyar as to the amendment of Standing Order No. 54, the facts disclosed by the report of the Select Committee will demonstrate that the whole question was considered by the

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Select Committee in which Mr. Natesa Mudaliyar put forward his point of view and it was agreed on all hands that having regard to the pendency of the proceedings in the Council of State and the Legislative Assembly bearing upon Sir Maneckji Dadhabhai's resolution to the same effect the matter may be dropped at present."

IV

A BILL TO AMEND THE MADRAS CITY MUNICIPAL ACT, 1919.

The Hon'ble the PRESIDENT :—" The House will now resume consideration of the Bill to amend the Madras City Municipal Act, 1919. On the last occasion when this Bill was under consideration, it had before it the amendment moved by the Hon'ble the Home Member Sir Lionel Davidson to clause 4. The amendment was to omit from the explanation in sub-clause (1) the words 'thereof' or 'a portion thereof' and the words 'at cost price' or 'at less than or more than the cost price'. That was the amendment which was under discussion. The further consideration of the Bill was adjourned to this day."

The Hon'ble Rai Bahadur K. VENKATA REDDI NAYUDU :—" Sir, I beg to move that the consideration of this may be taken up after lunch to-day."

The Hon'ble Mr. K. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—" I second it."

The motion was put and carried.

V

A BILL TO AMEND THE COURT FEES ACT, 1870.

The Hon'ble Mr. K. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—" Mr. President, I beg to present the report of the Select Committee on the Bill to amend the Court Fees Act, 1870. I further move, Sir, that the Bill as reported by the Committee be taken into consideration."

The Hon'ble Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD HABIB-UL-LAH SAHIB Bahadur :—" I second it."

The motion was put and carried.

The Hon'ble the PRESIDENT :—" I shall now submit the Bill clause by clause for the consideration of the House. The preamble will lie over until we have finished the clauses."

CLAUSE 1.

*Amendment* 1.

Mr. P. VENKATASUBBA RAO :—" Sir, I beg to move—

'1. *In sub-clause (a) insert the word "Temporary" before the word "Amendment".*'

" It has been explained by the Hon'ble the Law Member that there will be a deficit of 105 lakhs and the taxation Bills yield a revenue of 77 lakhs. The deficit can only be temporary, and I do not think we shall be justified in passing this measure permanently now, because we are not sure what the financial condition of the province will be next year. There is the probability of a remission of a sum of one crore of rupees of our contribution to the Government of India. Moreover, Government have not made sufficient attempts to effect retrenchment, and what retrenchment they have so far made is more or less a paper retrenchment. Besides, Sir, if it is found necessary at the end of the next year, we can extend the period of the Bill. I commend my amendment to the House."